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**FOREIGN MATERIEL FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES**

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**APPENDIX**  
**SECTION-I**

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The exploitation of foreign materiel can provide accurate and timely information necessary to determine the technical, economic and scientific capabilities affecting the war potential of enemies and potential enemies. Such exploitation is essential in developing effective countermeasures to enemy weapons and in determining United States requirements in the research and development fields. It is also useful in establishing a basis for judgement and estimates concerning:

- a. Strategic plans, capabilities and possible courses of action.
- b. Tactical plans and tactical use of weapons.
- c. State of technological development.
- d. Scientific capabilities for waging war.
- e. Economic strength for waging war.
- f. Strategic and tactical targets, industrial complexes, etc.
- g. Developing plans for attack and for active and passive defense.

Recognizing the value of intelligence which may be secured through exploitation of foreign materiel the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) has approved this directive for the operation of the Joint Materiel Intelligence Agency (JMIA).

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**TECHNICAL EXPLOITATION UNITS:** All echelons in the military structure are concerned with the exploitation of foreign materiel for intelligence purposes. Field teams exploit captured materiel to secure information of immediate operational significance; theatre joint intelligence divisions coordinate theatre activities in the exploitation of foreign materiel; JNIA functions at the departmental level and provides a coordinating point for inter-departmental materiel exploitation requirements, so as to facilitate and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and expense in the exploitation process.

**DEFINITIONS:** "Foreign Materiel" as used in this directive, consists of any <sup>or (2)</sup> article of foreign source, other than persons or documents acquired separately from the articles to which they relate, the analysis of which may be expected to reveal information which will assist in gauging enemy or potential enemy war potential. Cryptological materiel is excluded from this definition unless and until released by the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA).

"Captured Materiel" as used herein consists of those items of "Foreign Materiel" acquired or expected to be acquired through normal combat operations. Also included are those items of United States materiel coming into possession of an enemy or potential enemy and subsequently being returned to the United States jurisdiction through recapture or otherwise.

DOCUMENTS: Documents such as name plates, blue prints, operating instructions, log books, etc., which pertain to the manufacture, construction, operation, performance and maintenance of foreign materiel require special handling if both of the following conditions exist:

a. When acquired with the materiel to which they relate.

b. If the materiel itself is to be collected for intelligence purposes.

Such documents will be tagged and attached to the item of materiel to which they pertain. At the earliest opportunity such documents will be reproduced, appropriate notations made respecting the item upon which the original is attached including disposition of the item, if known. The original documents will accompany the item of materiel and the reproductions will be forwarded to the nearest Document Intelligence Center or other document agency for handling in accordance with SR 380-350-2, OPNAV Instr .03863, AFMIL-C/DD 350.09 "Captured Enemy Documents."

If the documents do not meet all the above criteria they shall be forwarded directly to the nearest document agency for handling in accordance with the aforementioned "Captured Enemy Documents." (It is important to note that)

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SECTION-II

MISSION, FUNCTIONS AND OPERATING RELATIONSHIPS

AUTHORITY: The Joint Materiel Intelligence Agency (JMIA) is established and approved by the Secretary of Defense as a permanent subordinate agency of the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC).

✓ MISSION: To conduct <sup>P. 4 (1)</sup> the program for the coordination of requirements for foreign materiel, examination, test and analysis of such materiel and dissemination of reports thereon, for intelligence purposes, to insure an efficient continuing intelligence effort.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN MATERIEL:

✓ a. Full responsibility for formulation of its own requirements for foreign materiel, and also for effective <sup>P. 4 (2)</sup> collection action rests with each Service and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). (Delete last sentence)

b. Each agency shall keep JMIA cognizant of its requirements for foreign materiel.

✓ <sup>P. 4 (3)</sup> c. JMIA shall provide participating agencies with information necessary to the avoidance of unnecessary duplication of effort and expense.

d. An agency having a requirement for foreign materiel expected to be acquired as a result of normal combat operations may place same directly upon its own collection units with concurrent advice to JMIA.

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✓ <sup>P-5(1)</sup> **g. Requirements for foreign materiel to be acquired through special missions or operations, shall be coordinated by the requiring agency with the other Armed Services and CIA. in all cases where security limitations permit. <sup>(Delete "in all")</sup> JNIA shall be advised of all such cases.**

**f. Requirements for all foreign materiel for intelligence purposes other than that described in d and g above shall be submitted by each agency to JNIA. Within a period designated by the requiring agency, consistent with the urgency of the collection action and the provision of a reasonable opportunity for JNIA coordination, JNIA will advise the requiring agency whether additional requirements exist and whether a collection effort has already been initiated or effected. The requiring agency need not delay collection action after expiration of the designated period or receipt of information from JNIA whichever is earlier.**

<sup>P-5(2) (Delete entire paragraph. Reinsert in sec. 1)</sup>  
✓ **g. The actual acquisition for intelligence purposes of items of foreign materiel other than by capture in normal combat operations shall be reported to JNIA by the acquiring agency at the earliest practicable time. JNIA will bring such acquisition to the attention of other participating agencies.**

<sup>g. will be established in cooperation with the agencies</sup>  
**h. JNIA shall coordinate theatre of operations requirements for foreign materiel to be acquired outside**

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their areas of responsibility in accordance with the foregoing principles.

1. JNIA shall perform such other functions in the coordination of requirements, as may be directed by the JIC.

MOVEMENT AND EXPLOITATION: JNIA shall;

7.6(2) a. Determine the appropriate ZI agency to conduct the exploitation of captured materiel in any case where participating agencies are in disagreement.

b. Through appropriate channels to theatre commanders direct and control the movement of captured materiel to the appropriate intelligence exploitation agency in the ZI.

c. Insure that interested agencies are promptly informed of the arrival and location (in the ZI) of foreign materiel to be exploited for intelligence purposes, and of the program and schedule of exploitation contemplated.

d. Insure that exploitation requirements of other participating agencies are incorporated in the exploitation program of the holding agency, or met in another manner, whenever and to the degree practicable.

e. Establish a central system of control numbers for continuing identification of foreign materiel acquired for intelligence purposes.

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**DISSEMINATION:** [The responsibility for the full and adequate dissemination of foreign materiel intelligence information rests with the agency examining and analysing the materiel.] The insurance of the appropriate, timely dissemination of such information by exploiting agencies is a responsibility of JNIA.

**LIAISON:** JNIA shall;

a. Maintain liaison with the various ZI intelligence agencies of the Armed Services and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as necessary for the accomplishment of its mission.

b. Maintain liaison with joint intelligence divisions or similar organizations, in theatres of operations as may be appropriate for accomplishment of its mission at the departmental level, and to meet theatre materiel intelligence requirements of an inter-departmental nature.

c. Under prevailing policy, maintain liaison with agencies of friendly nations which also have cognizance of exploitation of materiel for intelligence purposes, in order to effect necessary or desirable coordination and augment the availability to the United States of information secured from such exploitation.



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SECTION-III

ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATION: JMIA shall consist of;

a. A Director and Deputy Director designated as such by the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) and an Adviser to the Director who will represent the interests of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Department of State, and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and who shall be nominated by the CIA. The Departments of the Army, the Air Force, and the Navy shall rotate in that order in nominating officers for designation as Director and Deputy Director. The tour of duty and the grade of the officers serving in these positions are as prescribed by the JIC.

b. Additional military and civilian personnel necessary to implement its assigned functions as approved by the JIC.